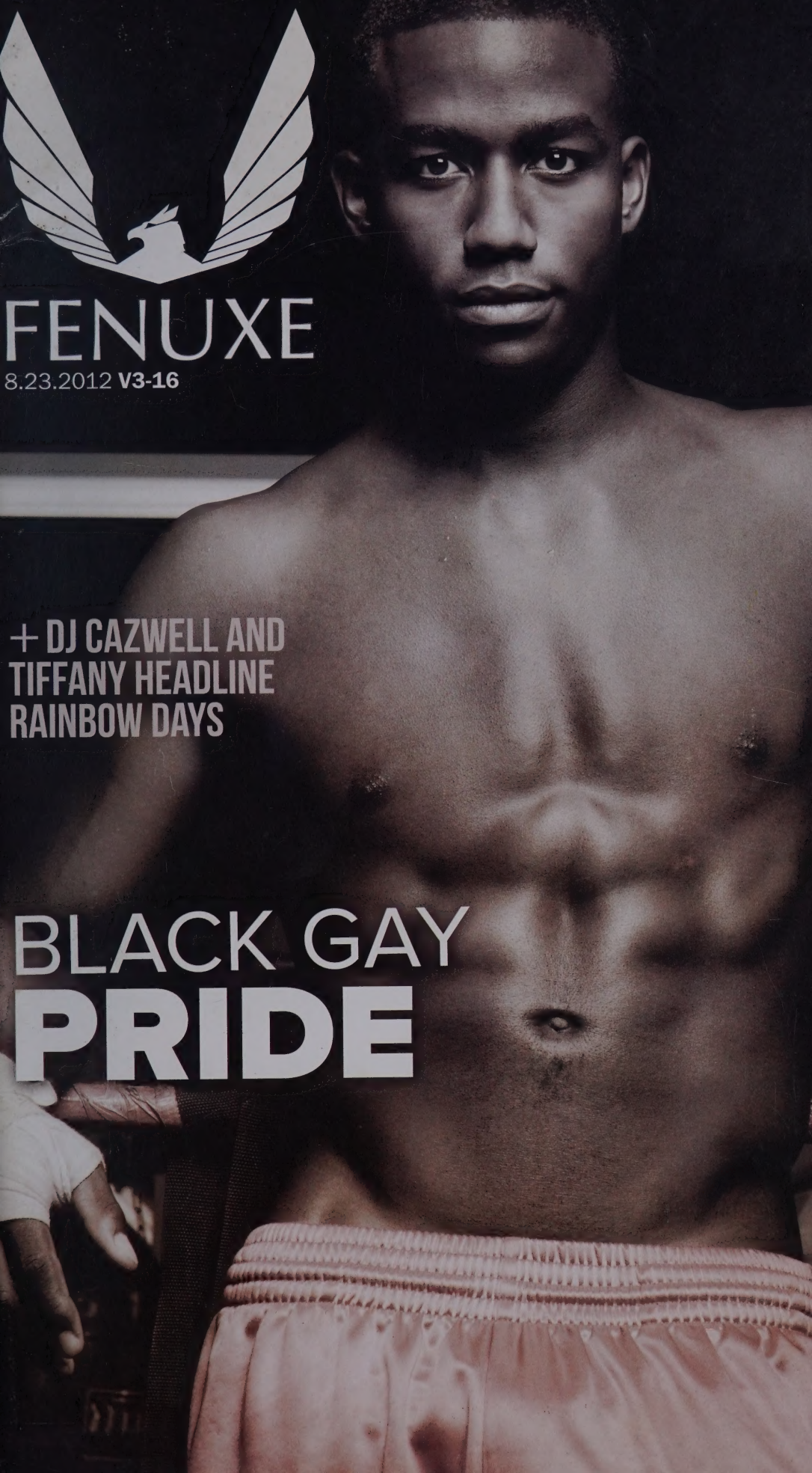

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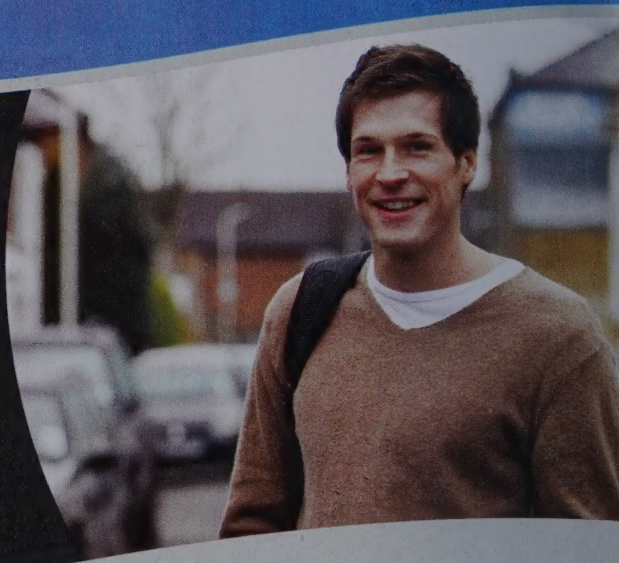

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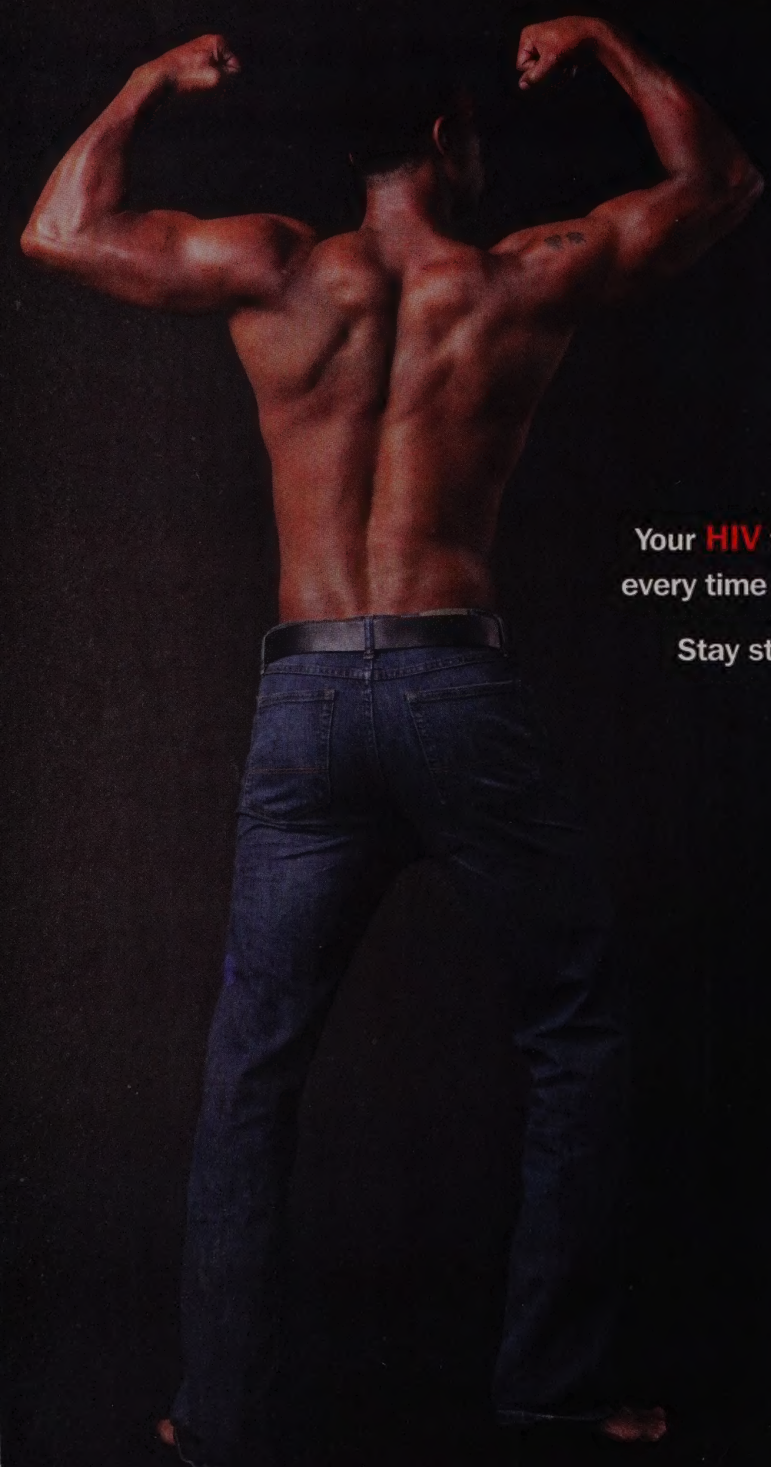

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Black Pride is this weekend and all next week, y'all. I hope to see you at the great festivities that are planned!

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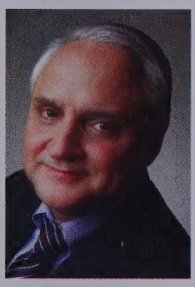

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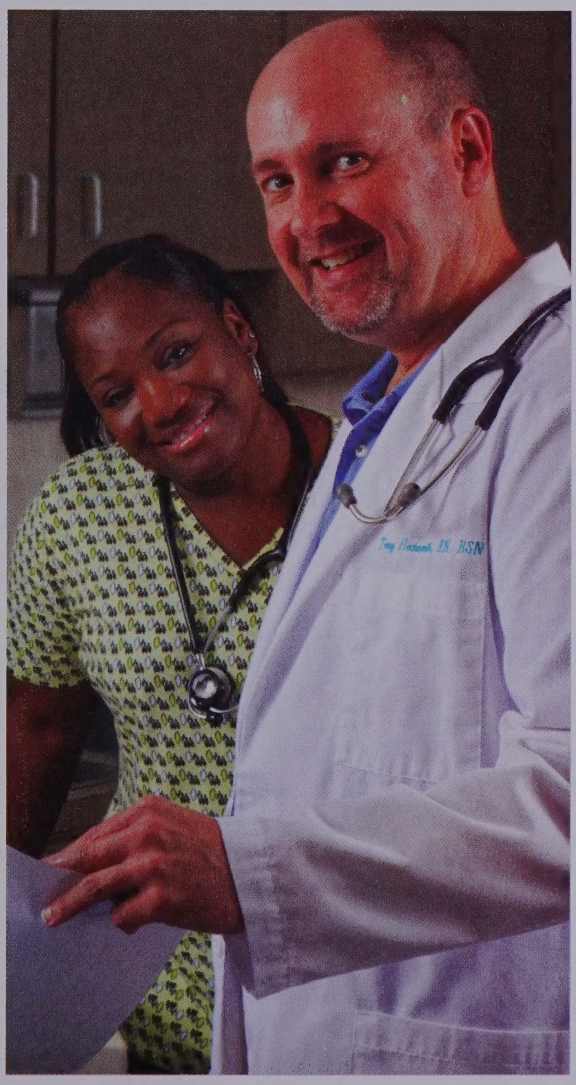

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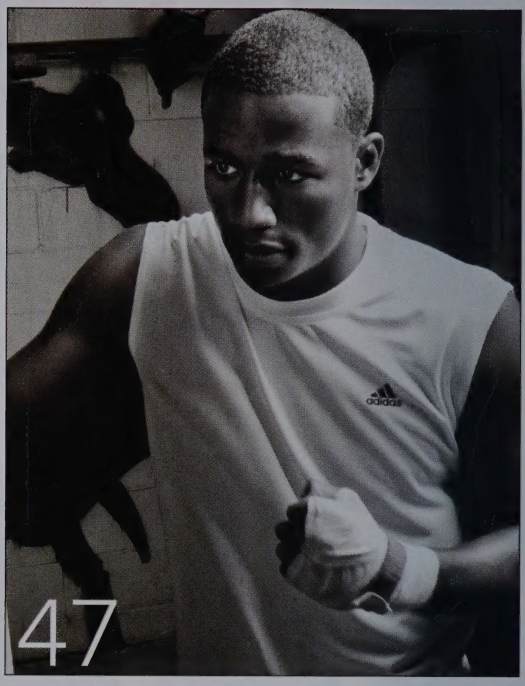

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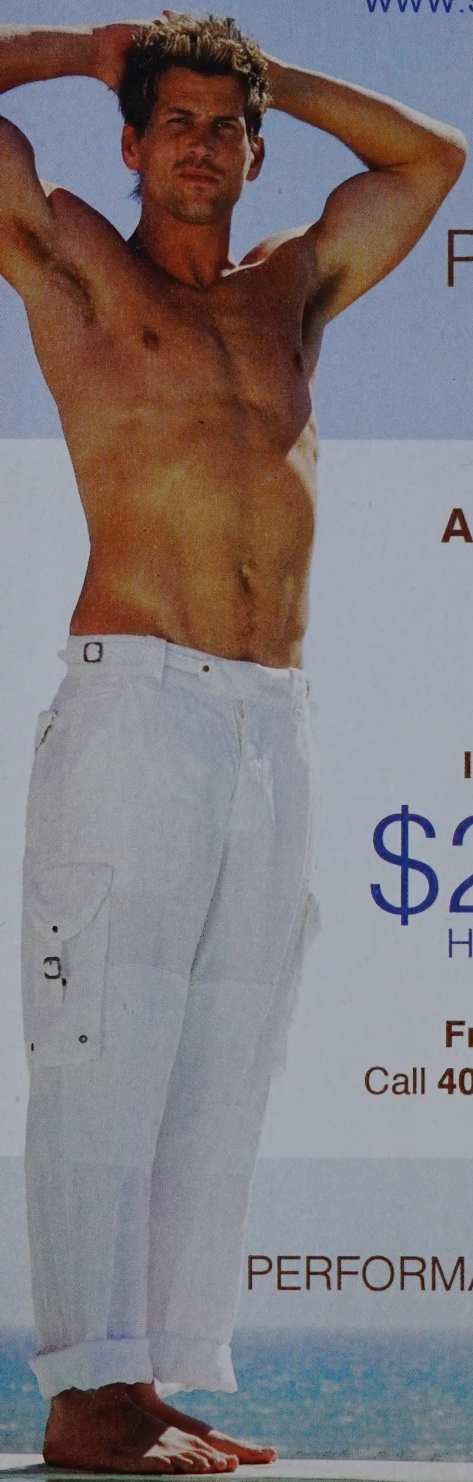

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Eye For The Backside

Shannon Jenkins, Associate Writer, Lifestyle & Culture

During my senior year in high school I was fascinated with butts. In fact, I dedicated a whole section of my senior memories book to photos of my classmates' rumps. Seems a little creepy now, but it was innocent good fun then.

Fifteen years later—God, where does the time go?—I still appreciate a nice bubble butt. Frankly, I think everyone does, regardless of age, race or orientation. Dr. Nedra Dodds, who is affectionately known as The Butt Doctor, agrees. She said the derriere is universally treasured.

"I have an eye for a good ass," she informed me. "Another doctor once told me the butt is the final destination as the eye travels down a good body. So it's not just the butt. You're looking at the waist. You're looking at the back. You're looking at everything. It's kind of like the icing on the cake."

When it comes to "icing" the cake, Nedra says there are two options: butt implants or fat injections. She uses the latter for her patients. Personally, I would too. What if your implant slips down and you end up with an ass behind your knee? Not cute.

Anyway, the talented Nedra takes some fat from your love handles (or wherever) and pumps up your backside. Of course that's just a simplified summary of what she really does.

"The key is looking at the body as a whole," she said. "You have to look at bone structure, among other things. I'm not just focusing on the fact that you want your butt bigger. I always look at how athletes are built. On a guy like a baseball player or quarterback their gluteus maximus has a nice protrusion. It's built up."

I've done years of research of athletes' asses, so I can certainly relate to Nedra's observation. She also said a plump behind can make someone look younger. And thanks to cosmetic surgeons like Nedra, a youthful look is just a butt injection away.

But don't think Nedra deals with posteriors all day. [Wouldn't that be an ideal job?] She spends her work days making people look and feel younger. Her male patients, she said, tend to request skin-related procedures, such as correcting acne scars or tightening up the skin. But, she said she works hard to keep her patients from ending up like Burt Reynolds [bless him].

"My practice is definitely less is more," she said. "What we tell patients is we want to shoot for improvement, not perfection. We don't want to make someone who is 70 look 35. That's where it starts looking nuts."

In the end—hee hee—Nedra talks a lot of sense. If I had the coins, I'd ask her to reshape my ass back to its former high school glory.

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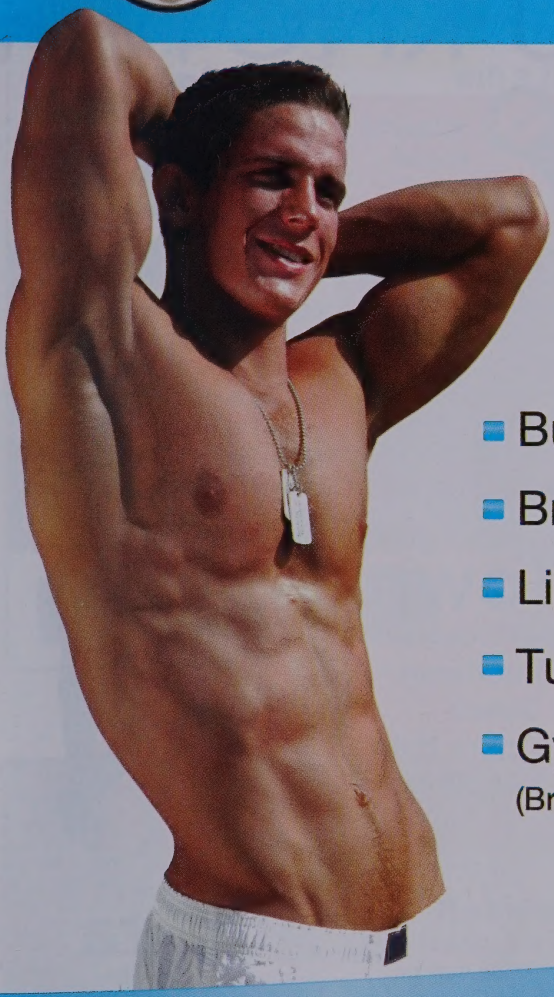

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Celebrity Appeal

Atlanta's Black Gay Pride has a knack for attracting big-name talent including Jennifer Holliday (2004), Vivica A. Fox (2005), Monica (2006), Jennifer Hudson (2007), Lil' Kim (2009), Nicki Minaj and Ciara (2010), and Brandy (2011).

Meeting of the Minds

In 2007 Xtreme Entertainment presented the 1st Annual State of Black Gay America Summit at the Renaissance Hotel in Downtown Atlanta.

Talk of the Town

In conjunction with Black Gay Pride, The Lion's Den—an LGBT promotional group—presented the Erotic Street Festival in 2003 and attracted more than 3,000 attendees. Reportedly, people still talk about that event.

May 1999

The International Federation of Black Prides was organized during the Washington DC Pride by a coalition of Black pride organizers representing Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Detroit, Minneapolis, North Carolina, and Washington DC.

Rumor Has it

The origins of the first Black Gay Pride may be debated, but some believe Los Angeles prompted the movement of celebrations around the country after a group of friends gathered on a secluded beach in 1988.

Atlanta

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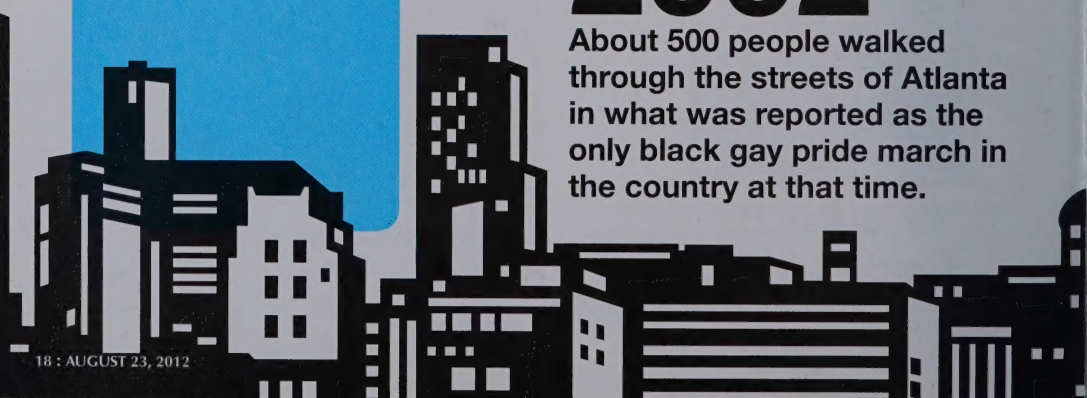

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

6PM-10PM | Pre Registration
6:30PM-10PM | Chocolate and Creme VIP Reception

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

10AM-11:59PM | Black Pride Marketplace
10AM-11:59PM | Registration
8PM-10PM | Opening Ceremony
11:59PM-2AM | SpeakFire

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10AM-4PM | Health Expo & Life Expo
10AM-3PM | Literary Cafe
10AM-5PM | Workshops
10AM-10PM | Black Pride Marketplace
10AM-11:59PM | Registration
12PM-2PM | Community Luncheon & SBGA Summit
4PM-10PM | See Us In The Life Film Festival
10PM-2AM | Dance Party
10PM-3AM | Black Pride Pub Crawl

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10AM-4PM | Workshops
10AM-4PM | Black Pride Marketplace
10AM-10PM | Registration
12-3PM | Jazz Brunch
2-6PM | Pool Party
2:30-4:30PM | Interfaith Service (Saint Mark United Methodist Church)
3PM-6PM | Atlanta Dream Vs. Connecticut Sun (Philips Arena)
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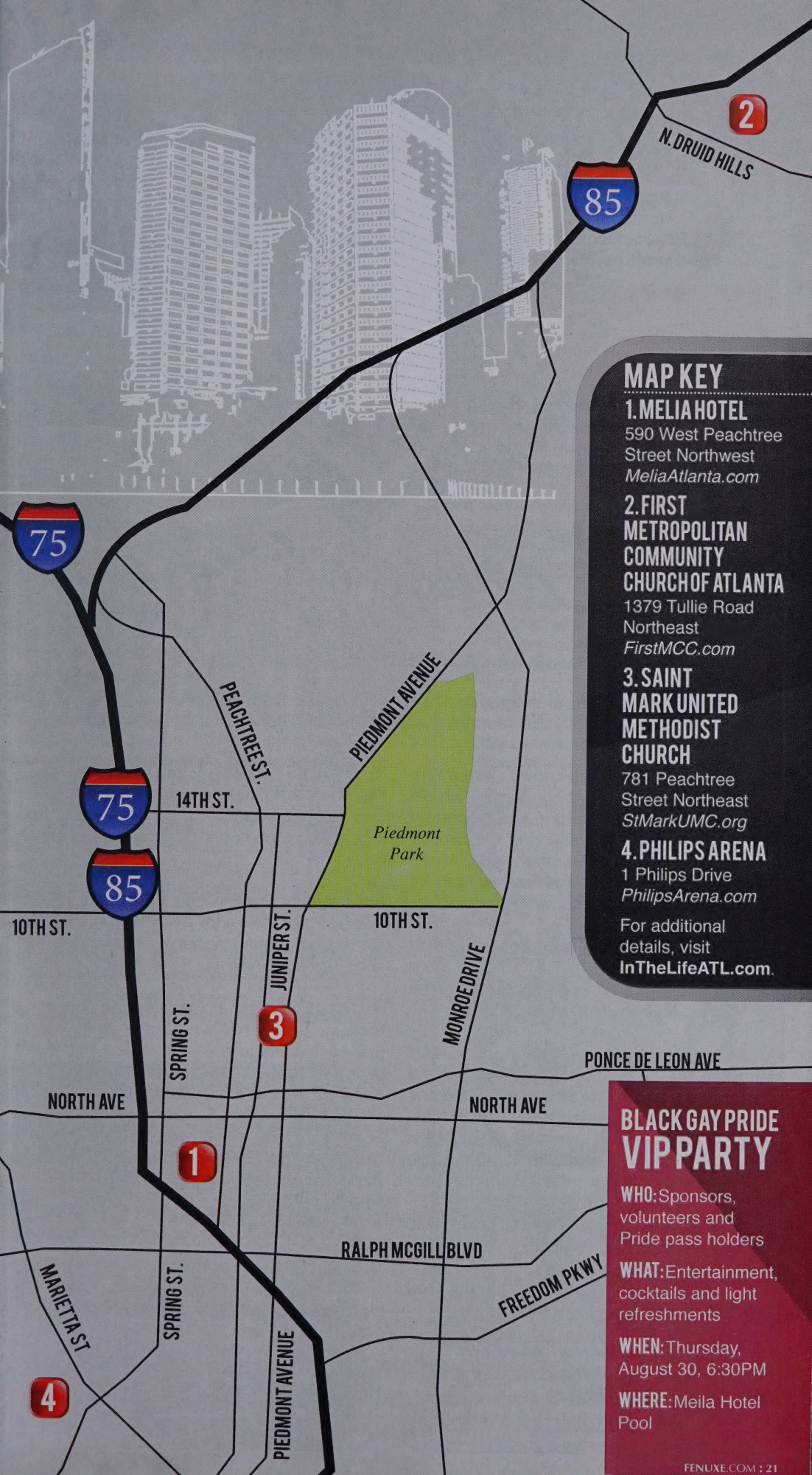

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The House of Brooks

Shannon Jenkins, Associate Writer, Lifestyle & Culture

You can pick your friends, but you can't pick your family. Depending on who you ask, that saying may not ring entirely true, especially if that person belongs to the House of Brooks.

Several of Atlanta's well-known performers make up the happy drag family whose matriarch is none other than the legendary Shawnna Brooks. The origins of the Brooks clan began in 1989 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, when Shawnna performed drag for the first time in a talent show.

"That's all it took," she said of the birth of her drag career. "I've been working for more than 20 years. I've worked with the best, and I'm very grateful to still be working."

It was Shawnna's polished work that attracted the other performers who would become her family. Over the years Shawnna "begot" three children—Nicole Paige Brooks, Destiny Brooks, and Tara Nicole Brooks. Nicole and Destiny perform locally, while Tara Nicole works in North Carolina.

"A child is like your apprentice," explained Nicole Paige Brooks, a season two "RuPaul's Drag Race" contestant. "As a mother, you help polish the younger drag queens. You teach them all the tricks of the trade."

When she first moved to Atlanta in 1999, Nicole Paige said she was obsessed with the mesmerizing Shawnna.

"Every time Shawnna came out she had this crazy amount of energy, even when she was not moving," Nicole Paige said. "She makes you look at her. You cannot not watch Shawnna."

After seeing Shawnna perform, Nicole Paige followed her new idol everywhere until she started performing about a year and a half after moving to Atlanta.

"I started working at Blake's, and Shawnna took me under her wing," she said. "I was just Nicole Paige then because I had done drag in Oklahoma. Shawnna helped me calm down a lot and introduced me to a lot of people."

In 2001 Nicole Paige added "Brooks" to her name. Then she had children of her own—Phoenix and Angelica D'Paige, just to name a few. And the Brooks family continued to grow with such additions as Janelle Paige Brooks, Alissah Brooks and more.

"I don't even know half the kids that have my last name," Shawnna said. "I have a million grand kids. It's very flattering."

Although the family has gained several

members over the years, not just anyone can join the House of Brooks.

"You have to be voted in by everybody," Shawnna said. "You have to get along with everybody. You have to have a certain 'it' factor."

When they're not showing off their "it" factor for crowds at various clubs around the city, they're doing what any other family does.

"We all have dinner together," Shawnna said. "We all go shopping together. We watch movies. We really are a family."

Aside from the good times, being a family also means watching out for one another.

"In this business you have a lot of people who blow smoke up your ass," Nicole Paige said. "Your family is supposed to tell you the truth. And, anything you need you just call your sister or your mother."

As the head of the Brooks family, Shawnna makes sure she's there for her girls. But she's not one to coddle. She embraces the concept of "tough love."

"I'm very hard on them," she said. "I'm always checking up to see what they're doing, what they have on, if they look right. I think they respect that."

"Shawnna has really high standards," Nicole Paige confirmed. "She makes sure we're making our own costumes and we're acting right. You need someone that you respect and will hold you to a standard."

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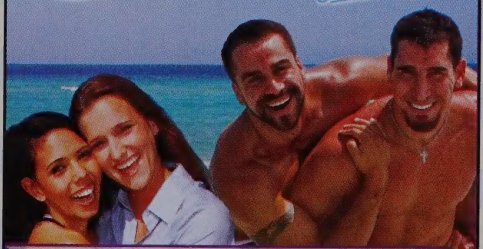

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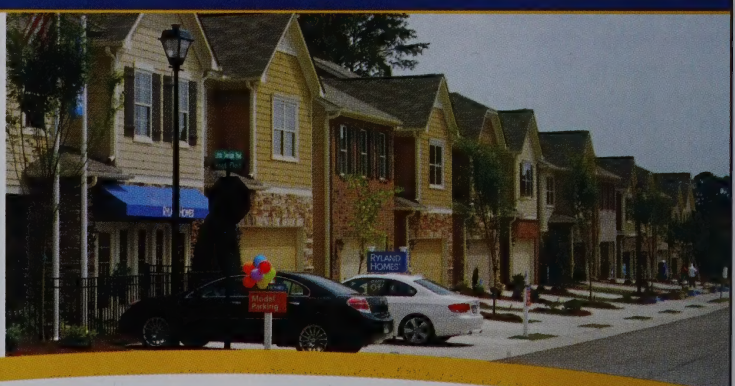

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Flirting WITH France

Dwayne Kinney, Fenuxe Contributor

As the dog days of summer march steadily toward the fall I decided to get away for a relaxing summer vacation. The only issue was where I should go. I decided to check out the hottest new gay destination in southern Europe, packed my bags, and headed to the Languedoc-Roussillon region in southern France.

The South of France has long enjoyed an unparalleled reputation with jet setters seeking relaxation in a rustic Mediterranean locale with good food and wine. However, as I learned in my trip throughout the region, there are more than charming villages and pastoral landscapes awaiting Atlanta's luxury-seeking travelers.

Begin your trek toward vacation bliss by catching an Air France flight to Montpellier connecting in Paris from the stunning new international terminal at Hartsfield-Jackson. If you want to enjoy a little time in Paris, be sure to leave yourself at least six or seven hours between flights. Montpellier is nestled between Marseilles and Perpignan on the southern coast of France just six miles from the Mediterranean Sea. Landing in Montpellier is a true delight as the tiny French airport and Mediterranean Sea air quickly remind you that you have arrived in a truly unique destination.

It is here, as you wait for your wonderfully stereotypical French cabbie, that you're faced with your first major vacation decision! Do you head south to the beach or north into the old city? When I was younger I would've headed toward the beach right away. On this trip, I elected to head into the historical district of Montpellier to settle into my hotel and plan my evening in the the South of France's hottest gay district.

Driving toward town it is easy to see how Montpellier started as a collection of rural hamlets between the Gallo-Roman cities of Nîmes and Narbonne and developed slowly through the ages. The outskirts of the city look modern and rather demure, however, as you snake your way through the curvy French roads, the architecture begins to play out the colorful history of both the city and European design. Your journey to the heart of the ancient city ends at the Place de la Comédie named

after the stunning theater located at the end of the public square. Surrounding the Place de la Comédie are scores of bistros, bars, luxury hotels and great French shopping.

If you want to blend in with the crowd quickly take a seat in the square outside the first cafe that catches your eye and order a diabolo menthe. This regional concoction is wickedly popular with the locals and tastes just like mint toothpaste. The diablo menthe is non-alcoholic and surprisingly refreshing on a hot, humid day in Montpellier.

After soaking in the French cafe culture, follow the gorgeous Mediterranean hunks to the center of gay nightlife. Montpellier's gay district is called Place du Marché aux Fleurs and is just a short walk from the Place de la Comédie. Grab a seat at the best-known gay bar in Montpellier the Café de la Mer (5, Place Marché aux Fleurs) and practice your French with some of the guys that call Montpellier home. When you're ready to dance or watch a fierce French drag show, catch a taxi to the best club in southern France—La Villa Rouge (Route de Palavas). La Villa Rouge is a spectacle of a dance club as only the French could provide—expect French pop mixed with American hits and scores of fun, flirty Frenchmen.

After a night of dancing in Montpellier get a good's night sleep and head out on a day trip for your first day of wine tasting! The vineyards in the Languedoc-Roussillon region date back to the fifth century B.C. when the Greeks planted grape vines along the southern coast. The region has long been known as one of the largest wine producing regions in the world. However, this can mean that some vineyards place greater emphasis on quantity rather than quality. When selecting vineyards to visit do your research and find winemakers that are known for quality.

A short drive from Montpellier is Chateau Mourgues du Gres (Route de St Gilles RD 38) in Beaucaire owned by the Collard family. The French husband and wife are highly devoted to their craft and they create an excellent variety of world class wines. The vineyard is irrigated by the Rhone River and is also organic. The breathtaking chateau and vineyard are the epitome of what I think of when I picture french winemaking. Offering a respite from the heat of the vineyards are the thick stone walls of the chateau where the vineyard owners offer a relaxing and charming environment for tasting.

Montpellier

Montpellier

My favorite white from Chateau Mourgues du Gres is Les Galets Dorés, which means "the golden pebble," named after the pebbles that line the vineyards. This playful white has a strong citrus aroma with light orchid notes. The wine has a smooth texture and has a beautiful yellow color that really does match the brilliant yellow of the pebbles in the vineyard. (These yellow stones prevent the soil from getting too hot during the day, which would damage the deep roots of the grape vine, and also provide heat during the cool nights.) Les Galets

Dorés has an incredibly light and airy mouth feel and the cirtus aromas translate into the taste of sweet lemon. If you detect the delicate taste of rose it is because the vineyard plants beautiful rose bushes at the end of each row of grapes. Many winemakers believe that the rose plants help balance out the taste of the wine.

When I think of being in a European vineyard it is hard not to think about Lucille Ball crushing grapes with her feet in the "I Love Lucy" episode "Lucy's Italian Movie." I've always wanted to see wine being made using the ancient techniques. Luckily, next door to Chateau Mourgues du Gres is the Gallo-Roman Mas des Tourelles (911 Chemin du Mas de la Tour) which makes wine just like the Romans made it over two thousand years ago. The vineyard collects the grapes and places them in a wooden structure that sits precariously below a giant wooden beam that weighs 2,500 kilos (5,511 lbs). Volunteers help lower the heavy wooden beam onto the grapes and juice is crudely extracted. After this first press, the material is dumped into stone vats below where the same volunteers then crush the grapes with their toes just like Ms. Ball did on the silver screen.

Several glasses of wine later you'll be ready for a change of pace. Head to the Canal du Midi for a relaxing cruise through the 91 locks that connect the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. The canal was built to help boaters in the 17th century get from the Atlantic to the Mediterranean at least one month faster by avoiding the trip around Spain. Sailing down the historical canal is one of the most relaxing and enjoyable trips I've ever taken. The greenery surrounding the gentle canal spills over into postcard-perfect French villages as you quietly sail into the next lock.

Les Terrasses

If you've never sailed through a lock, you'll be in for a real treat. As you sail into the lock, your boat is stopped by a large gate that acts like a dam keeping the water level artificially high or low. When you're fully in the lock another gate closes behind your boat and the lock begins to either raise or lower your boat to the height of the next leg of the canal. We were traveling toward lower altitudes so the water began to rush out of the closed lock and our boat slowly went down with the fleeing waters. When the water inside leveled out at the same depth as the canal on the other side of the lock, the gate opened wide and we were able to continue our trek.

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Continue your peaceful journey down the canal until you see a towering castle and walled city standing majestically on a hill. Dock your vessel and catch a cab into the walled city of Carcassonne and soak in the 2,500 years of history the city has to offer. Carcassonne may look familiar if you've seen "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," as many parts of the movie were filmed in the famous ancient city.

Canal du Midi Lock

Carcassonne was first settled around 3,500 BC; however, fortification of the hill which led to the fortress we see today was started by the Romans in 100 B.C. The city became a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization world heritage site in 1997, which will ensure that this example of ancient architecture will survive for future generations of tourists.

When in wine country it would be a shame not to end your trip with a fantastic wine learning experience, so I suggest enrolling in a wine class at the Domaine des Cabotines in Collias. Domaine des Cabotines is owned by a lesbian couple who pursue wine as a hobby of passion. The women are a veterinarian and nurse during the day and winemakers in the evening. The wine school caters to everyone offering classes for experts and beginners alike. The staff of Domaine des Cabotines constantly searches the vineyards of the South of France for the best examples of each variety of grape. Their effort pays off as the subtle nuances of wine tasting are highlighted through their expert choices. After an afternoon hobnobbing about wine you'll undoubtedly have a new passion and be able to spot great wines no matter where you are in the world.

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When you're ready to book your next vacation to the hottest new gay destination in Europe, check out the incredible offerings of the South of France. Whether you want the warm seas of the Mediterranean, great gay nightlife or the simplicity of good food and drink in wine country the Languedoc-Roussillon region is a destination of luxury and relaxation.

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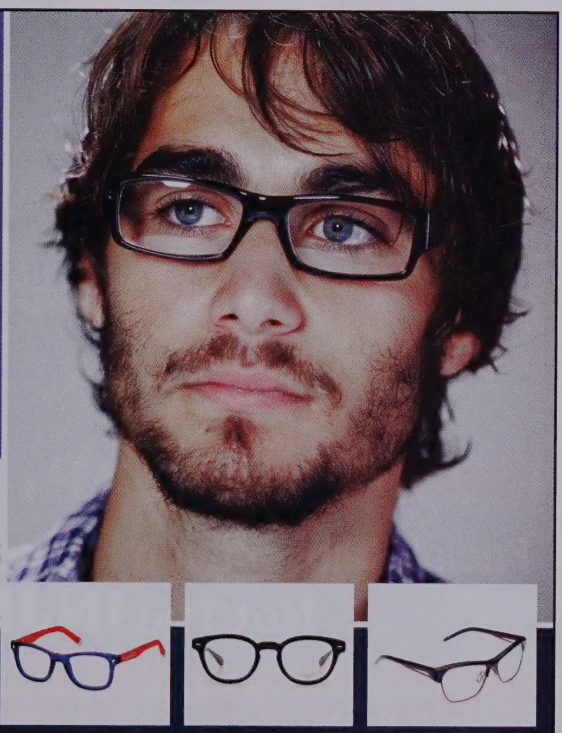

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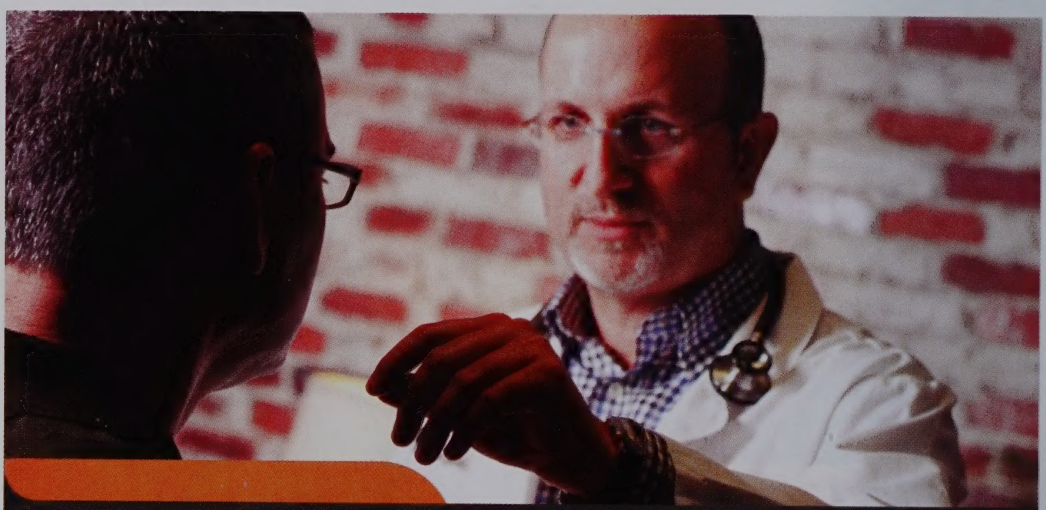

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WHY DO WE NEED MORE THAN ONE PRIDE?

Shannon Jenkins, Associate Writer, Lifestyle & Culture

Imagine a world where everyone shared the same beliefs and culture. Unless your a right-wing conservative that might seem like a gloomy prospect. So, why do people keep questioning why the black LGBT community holds its own Pride event?

On more than one occasion I've heard someone ask that question. I believe some might think it's a race issue, but I'd argue it's more about culture than anything else. Our gay community is composed of various subcultures—bears, twinks, muscle heads, drag queens, leather lovers, etc. Those individual segments celebrate their respective cultures with festivals and pageants and whatnot. While we're on the subject, don't most like-minded groups host events so they can gather together and celebrate? Religious people

have revivals. Creative folks organize arts festivals. Music lovers host Lollapalooza and JazzFest. Hippies have Burning Man. The sci-fi nerds have Dragon*Con. Shall I go on?

As a journalist, I was obligated to ask the question of why there's a Black Gay Pride to the man who runs the whole show. Raymond Duke, president of In the Life Atlanta (the organization that runs the yearly festival), said he gets asked that very question a lot.

"The reality of it is plain and simple," he told me. "The black gay community has to provide certain services for the black gay community that aren't provided by any other community. Therefore Pride exists. Besides, who else would celebrate our culture?"

That's exactly what I'm talking about! Black Gay Pride is all about celebrating a specific culture. This particular festival is no different than all the other festivals celebrated throughout the world. People have even questioned the need for "regular" Pride. Are you serious? Let's just not have any festivals. Just rid ourselves of any type of celebration whatsoever. Enjoy your bland life but give me a parade full of drag queens and scantily clad men any day. I'm going to enjoy my life as much as I can while I'm on this hateful little planet.

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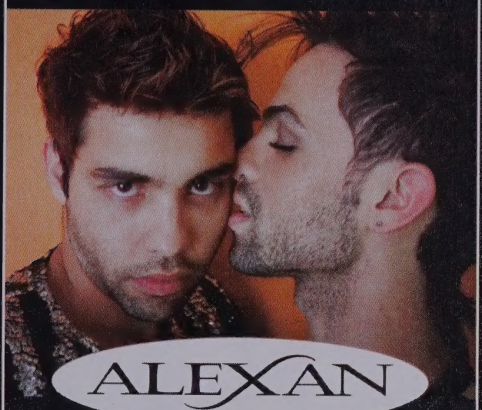

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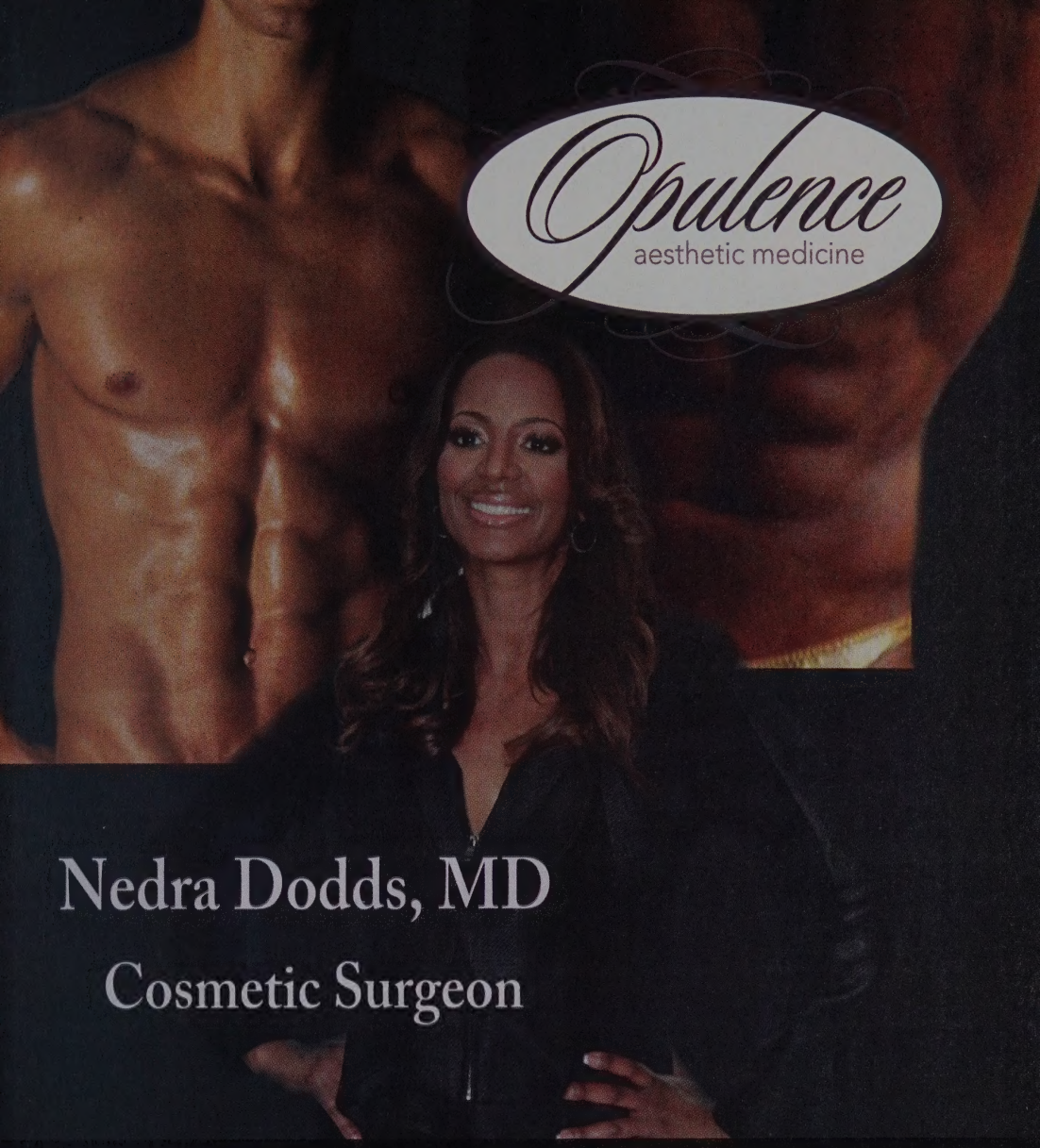

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The Preeminent Reign of Princess Charles

Shannon Jenkins, Associate Writer, Lifestyle & Culture

Experiencing Atlanta's gay nightlife isn't complete until you've bumped into Princess Charles. The vivacious performer, who's real name is Charles Kollock, has hosted countless events around the city and runs his own signature show, the Sophisticated Ladies of Atlanta. Raised in Statesboro, Georgia, Princess Charles moved to Atlanta in 1993 for gymnastics and dance. While working at Blake's, a manager asked him if he'd ever thought about doing drag. Charles said he wasn't opposed to it, and the two of them created a show. The rest, Princess Charles said, was drag history.

Shannon: How did you get your start as a performer?

Charles: I've always entertained as long as I could remember—singing and dancing for my family. As a professional entertainer, I first danced for a company called Peepshow Entertainment. Later on a guy saw me dancing at the Masquerade and they hired me dance. Then I met Romeo Cologne, who is known as the Best Funk DJ in Atlanta out one night, and he told me he was holding auditions for dancers for his spin night at a club formerly known as Kaya. I danced for him for four years.

Shannon: How would you describe your style of entertainment?

Charles: It's joyful! I'm a trained dancer, so I live to incorporate the technique of dance and gymnastics into my performances. It's high energy, if you will. I love to emcee and I bring elements of the old school shows like Sonny and Cher, the Rat Pack, Flip Wilson, and Carol Burnett to the composition of the show. I frequently watch these shows over and over again to learn how these stars engaged their audiences.

Shannon: What inspires your style?

Charles: The 1920's, old Hollywood and, of course, the 70's. Oh, how I love a bell bottom! In that era fashion was soooooo much fun, and everyone seemed to get it in their own unique way. It's the glamour of it all, dahlllings!

Shannon: Who has influenced your work?

Charles: My all-time favorite entertainers here in Atlanta are the ones who paved the way, so people like me have a chance to become a bright light within the community ... i.e.. Lena Lust! I call her Auntie; she is amazing! Her energy is so infectious. Charlie Brown: I use to watch her at Backstreet. I was memorized at her wit and her timing as an emcee. Shawnna Brooks: I think she is electrifying on stage. Shawnna walks into a room and commands it; that's something that can't be taught. Budda D., Heather Daniels, Niesha Dupree, Alicia Kelly, and Mary Edith are all the mothers from whom I've learn so much. I've also been influenced by Brent Star, EJ Aviance, Phoenix, Nicole Paige Brooks, Destiny Brooks and my lil' sistah Jasmine Aviance. Also my mom and stepfather. I must give props to my family Bill Kaelin, Lisa Jordan, Wally Lee, Bobbette Vance, Marcus Jackson and Caliber Enterprises who all continue to influence my work by providing ongoing support, belief in me, unconditional love and for showing me to be above the rest.

Shannon: What are a few highlights from your career?

Charles: I have also been in several SCAD documentaries. I have danced at the Fox Theatre, the Atlanta Ballet, and Gotta Dance Studios. I have also worked with renowned choreographer Jimmy Locust, who danced for Janet Jackson. In fashion I have worked with model Cynthia Bailey commentating from the red carpet during a fashion event for the International Interior Design Association at the Botanical Gardens, which was televised on the "Real Housewives of Atlanta" last year.

Shannon: What do you do to psych yourself up for a performance?

Charles: Hmmm ... champagne is nice. No, no I say a lil' prayer, take a deep breath and just go for it!

Shannon: What are some of your upcoming gigs?

Charles: I just finished hosting the Fenuxe Fire Party, which was a smash! I will be the host for an amateur drag show with a panel of judges during Atlanta Pride weekend. The Sophisticated Ladies of Atlanta will perform for the GLAAD Hero Award Gala in October. We are holding auditions for an upcoming SLOA show. Auditions are scheduled to be completed by the end of September. The girls and I have an amazing show prepared for you this holiday season. It is unlike anything Atlanta has ever seen before and you will want to be there!

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Shannon Jenkins, Associate Writer, Lifestyle & Culture

One night at Mixx, a colorful video featuring sexy men grinding in their underwear popped up on the TV screen. Usually I just roll my eyes at most gay music videos because they're cheesy, but there was something different about this one. Maybe it was all the ice pop-sucking or bare chests, but this video was hot—and fun. As it turns out, I was watching "Ice Cream Truck" by DJ Cazwell. The blue-eyed musical artist will be bringing his sexy act to Atlanta for Rainbow Days at Six Flags August 25, and I had the pleasure of chatting with him in anticipation of his upcoming visit.

Shannon: Which video of yours was the most fun to shoot?
Cazwell: I don't think any of them are really fun. [Laughs]. When the day comes to actually shoot, I'm really stressed out. I feel a lot of responsibility. It's not like I hire a producer. I can't think of a time when I actually had fun. It's hard work. I guess "Ice Cream Truck" was pretty fun because it was all encompassed in my apartment. So, it was kind of easy. It was certainly the simplest of the videos I've made. Me and the boys were all friends.

Shannon: What was the most memorable moment in your career?
Cazwell: I drink so much I don't really remember. Um ... I have a really strong memory of when I played with Lady Gaga. It was before she was famous. I remember it like it was yesterday. She had a vision for everything. She was like "Right after you rap we're going to get down on the ground and I'm going to jump on you and ride you. Then we're going to roll off the stage onto the floor and the crowd is going to go wild." I was like "OK sure." We did it and no one really cared. Everyone just looked at her like she was another Club Kid with a dance track.

Shannon: What are you working on now?
Cazwell: I'm desperately trying to finish my new album, "Hard to be Fresh." I'm also putting the video together for one of my new singles.

Shannon: What do you find most sexy about a man?
Cazwell: His voice, the tone of his voice. One

time I was dating a guy and he was really hot. He was half Puerto Rican and half Italian. But, when he talked he sounded like a mom. So, I had a hard time being attracted to him.

Shannon: What turns you off?
Cazwell: People who are cheap. Bad tippers.

Shannon: If you could cast any celebrity in one of your videos, who would it be?
Cazwell: Madonna, because she owes me like a hundred favors. She planted a microchip in my head and she steals all my ideas. So she owes me. And Beyonce. I'd like a reunion with Beyonce.

Shannon: You're in spectacular shape in your videos. What's your exercise routine like?
Cazwell: It goes up and down to be quite honest. I'm not one of those people who enjoy going to the gym. I'm dreading going today. I usually just get ready for a video and then struggle around that. What keeps me in the best shape is if I stay off of dairy and meat. I don't know if it's my blood type or whatever but my whole body seems to get more toned and my stomach get flatter when I lay off dairy and meat.

Shannon: What's your guilty pleasure?
Cazwell: "Judge Judy" and ice cream.

Shannon: What are your plans for Rainbow Days at Six Flags?
Cazwell: I'm going to keep it fun and summery. I'm going to try to sneak in as many peformances during the DJ set as I possibly can. I've never performed at a theme park before. I'm really excited.

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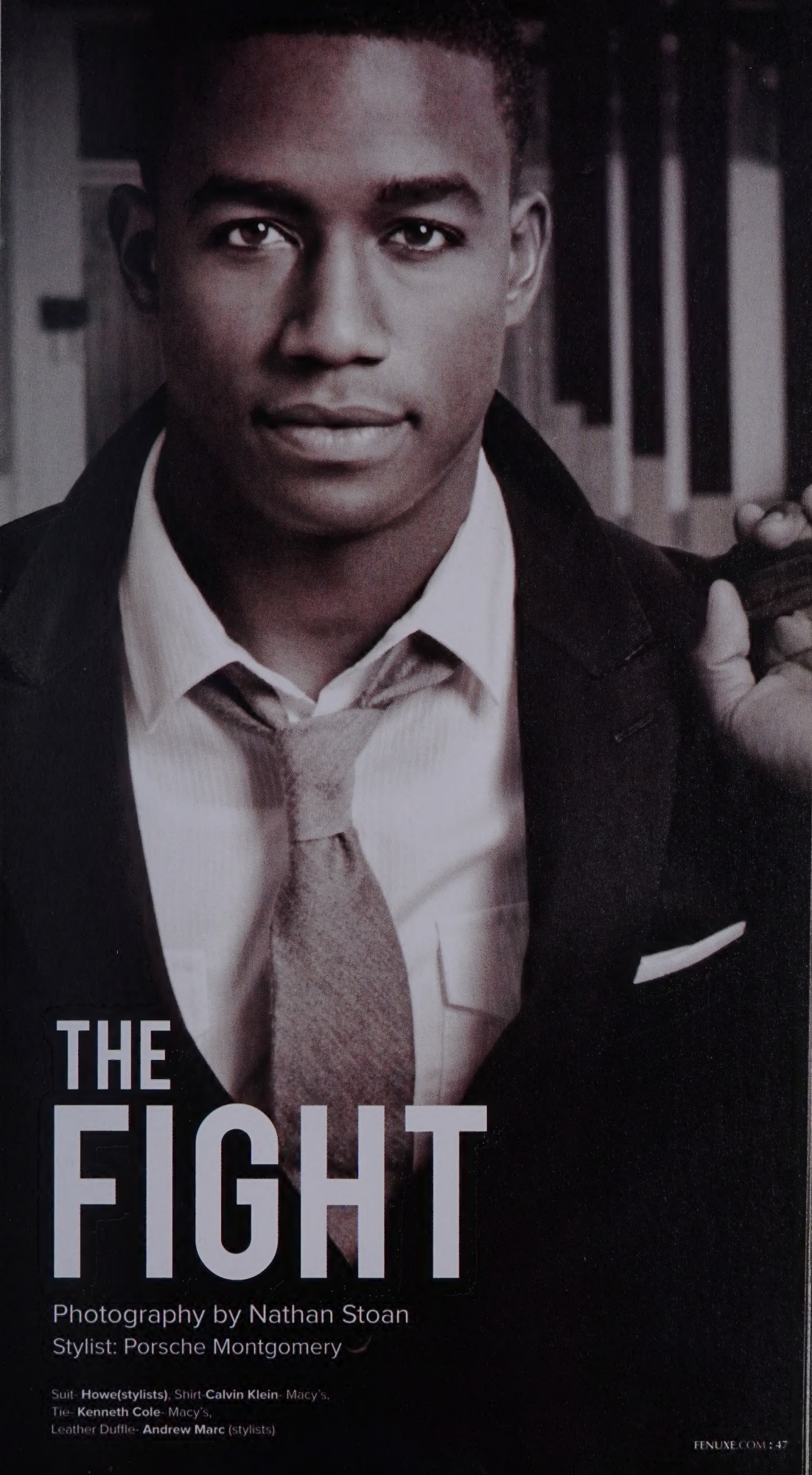

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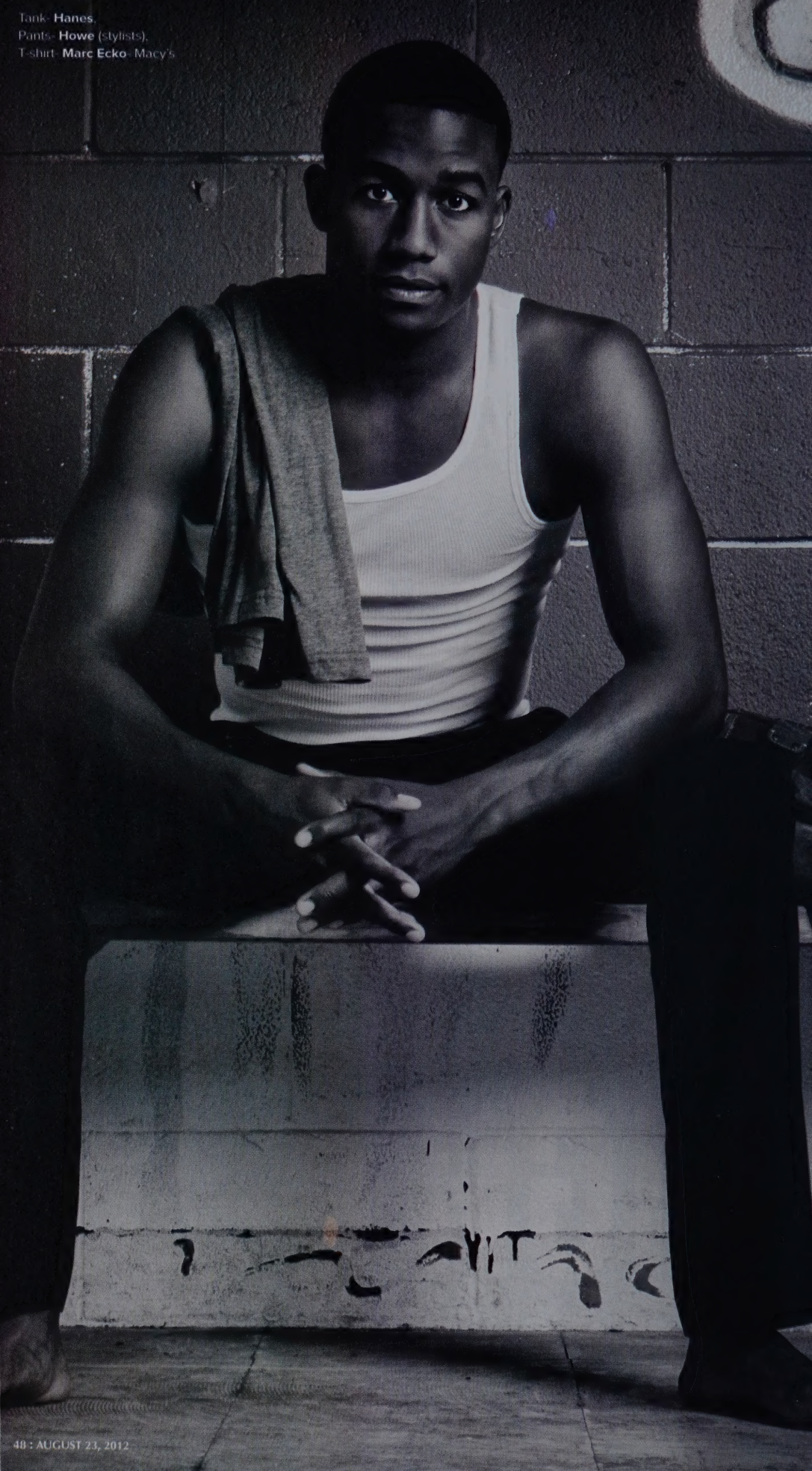
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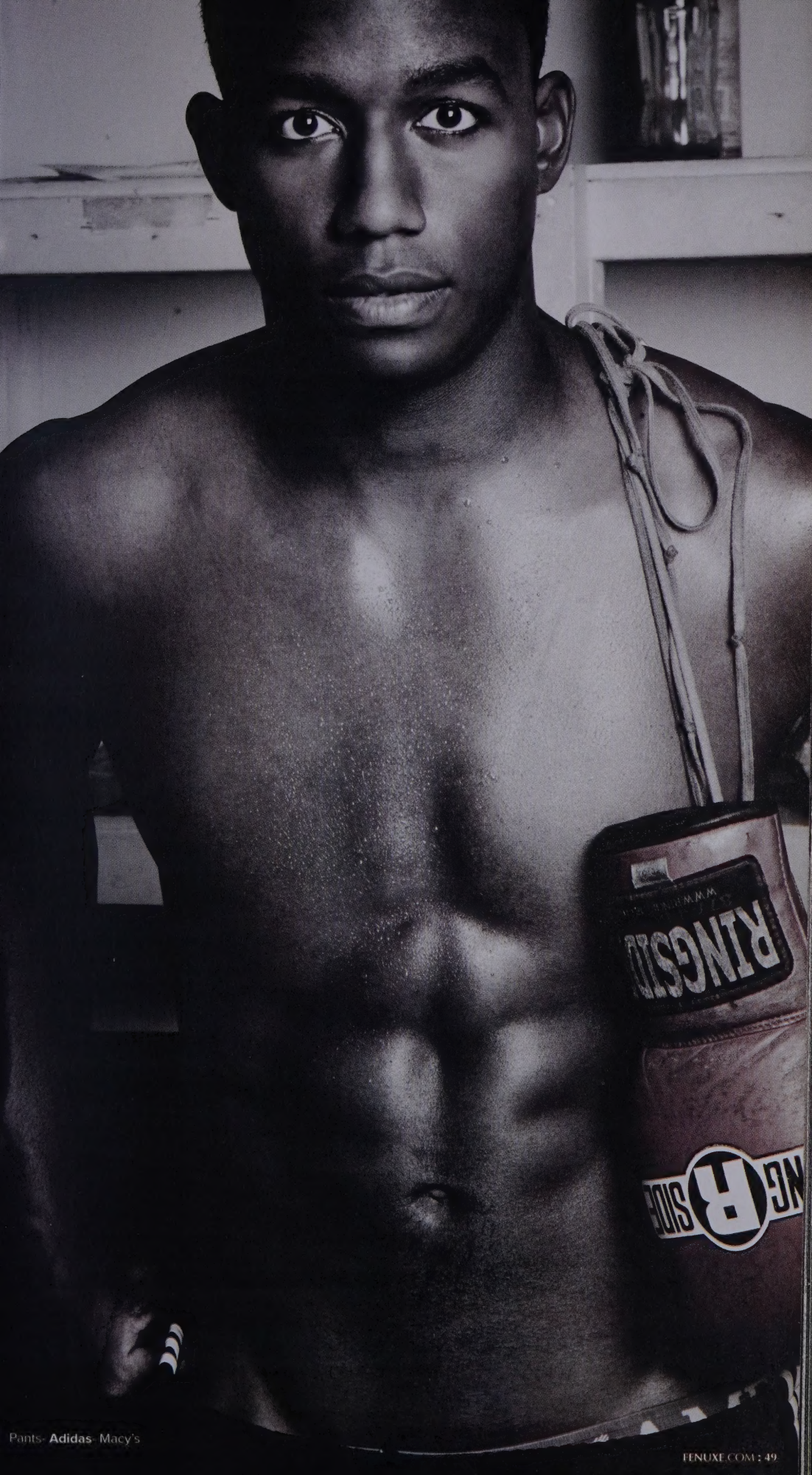

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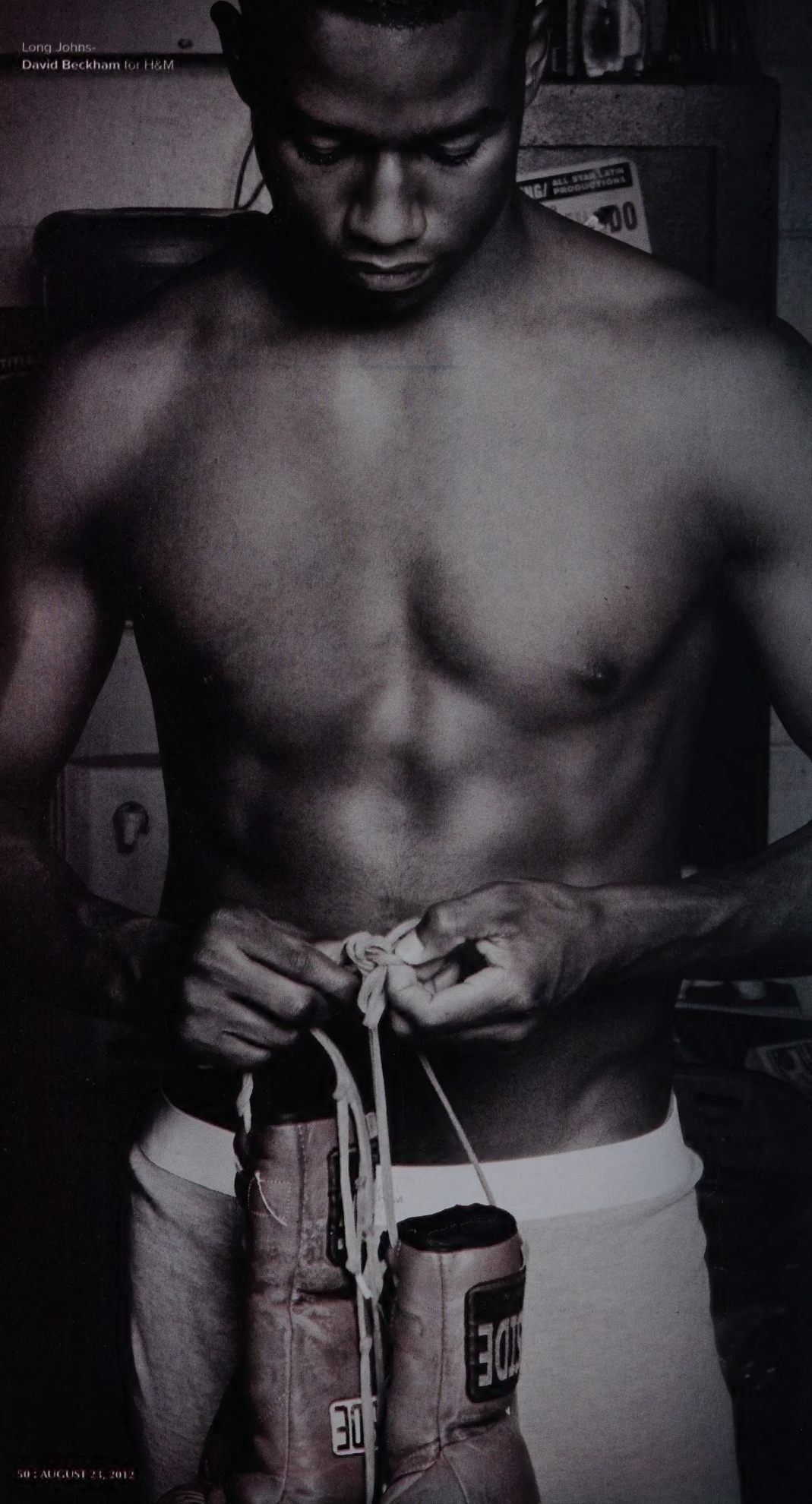
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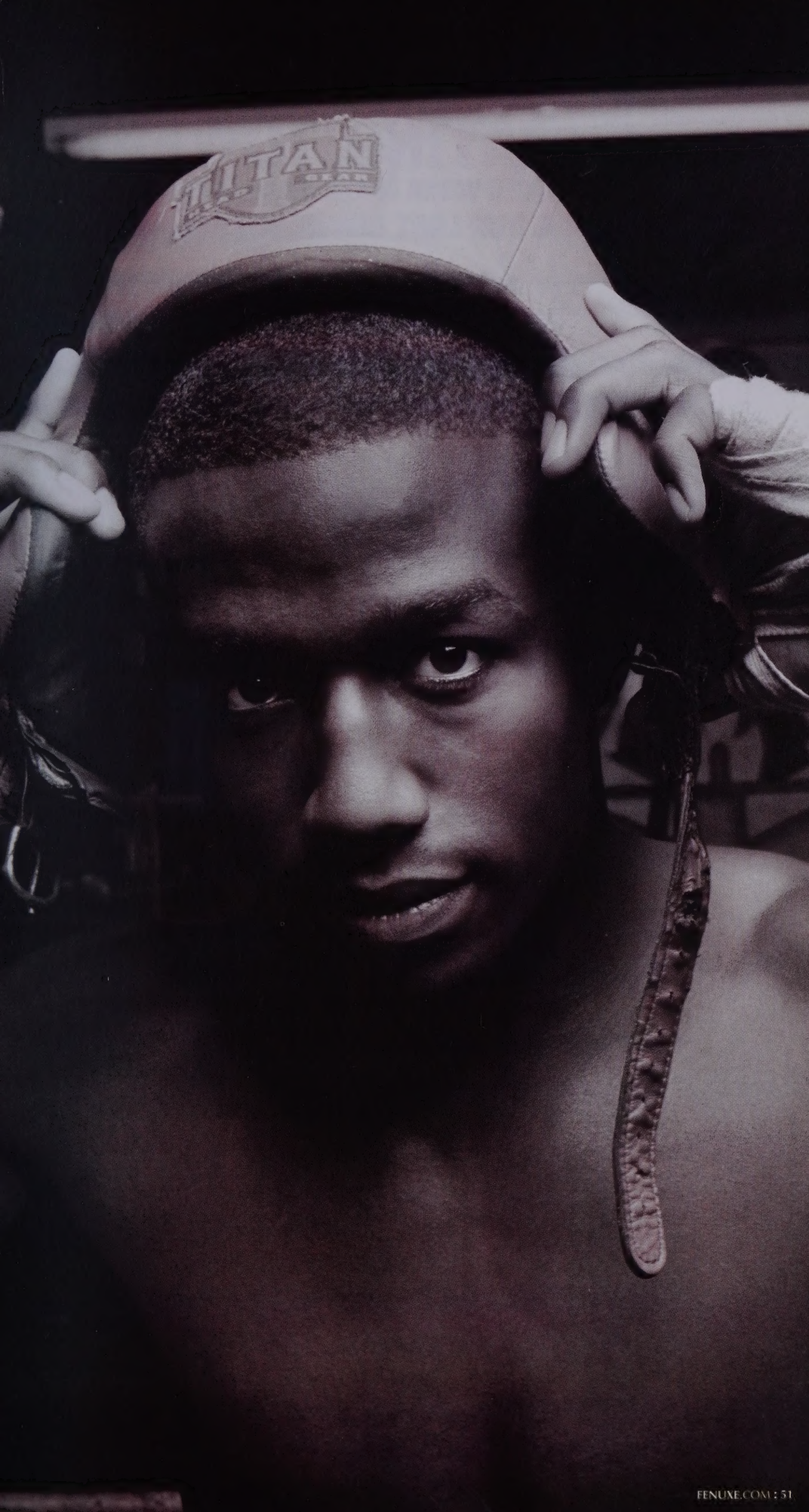
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THE ONE AND ONLY TIFFANY

Shannon Jenkins, Associate Writer, Lifestyle & Culture

I can't get "I Think We're Alone Now" out of my head. Before and after my interview with the former teen idol Tiffany, I've been randomly singing the catchy lyrics. Of course, that's been happening ever since the song came out in 1987, so I suppose I can't blame the interview for my musical Tourette's. I refrained from asking the single-name singer to serenade me with the song that made her famous, so I'll just have to wait for her performance at Rainbow Days at Six Flags Over Georgia on August 25. In the meantime, get to know the genuinely friendly grownup Tiffany.

Shannon: You live in Nashville now. How did that come about?

Tiffany: I've been romancing Nashville since I was 10 years old. I started off in country music, and I went to Nashville to get a record deal. It just didn't really work out for me. I was born and raised in California and my parents had a business out there. They couldn't make the move. I love Nashville. I've been here for almost five years now. It's just so different from Los Angeles. I love the warmth of the people and the different seasons. And there is something about those crickets that is very romantic.

Shannon: What prompted you to get involved in the gay rights movement?

Tiffany: I hate any kind of hate crime. I don't think we're here to judge people. It's wrong to alienate people. My gay fan base always accepted me.

Shannon: Tell me about your gay fans.

Tiffany: A lot of my gay fans want me to be more of a diva. They rip on my fashion sometimes. I do listen to them but sometimes I'm like "what?" I know I won't win so I keep my mouth shut.

Shannon: What's the most memorable moment from your career?
Tiffany: Probably touring with the New Kids on the Block. Those were the most fun times I had on the road. I started touring when I was 9 and I was always around adults. They would go to the bar or turn in for the night. You're playing amphitheaters in front of thousands of people and then you're put in your bedroom. It was kind of a head trip. Having people who were around my age was nice. We had a great time. Singing with John Mellencamp was another memorable moment. I'm such a big fan of him as a songwriter and an artist. I had a huge crush on him. Also, meeting Stevie Nicks. I chickened out for a long time to meet my idol.

Shannon: What was it like to fight Debbie Gibson in "Mega Python vs Gatoroid"?
Tiffany: Well it was awesome. We got a chance to know each other. We've had mutual friends over the years but we'd never sat down as artists or girlfriends and try to get to know each other. There was always that competitive aspect between two teen idols. And we were busy.

Shannon: What projects do you have on the horizon?
Tiffany: I'm a mover and a shaker. I'm opening my own vintage boutique in Nashville in February. I've always wanted to have my own store. I've always loved clothes and shopping. That was all I could do on the road being young. Over the years I've really honed in on the vintage style. I'm also getting more involved in being an activist. There's always something to help out with. As artists we always think it's about us but we have that platform to reach out and help other people.

Shannon: What are you doing musically?
Tiffany: I've got two albums in the works. I have a big ballad album I'm excited about. It's very glamorous. Hopefully it will show that I'm a powerhouse singer. I'll be doing another album along the country line with some blues. And I'm touring all the time as well.

Shannon: Who are your favorite musical acts right now?
Tiffany: Alex Clare. I'm a big David Gray fan. I'm a Gaga fan. She's a little outrageous for me sometimes and I'm like "really girl?" But as a vocalist she has the chops. Therefore she has my respect. She's a great songwriter and she knows what she's doing. I heard a lot of her stuff on YouTube videos when it was just her and a piano. That's what really got me to be her fan.

Shannon: What do you do in your spare time?
Tiffany: I garden. I host a lot of parties at my house. I was a Bedazzler a long time ago. That's turned into beading. It's very therapeutic for me. I love to cook. I love going to restaurants and trying different foods from different cultures and then going home and trying recreate that. I love my dinner parties. Everyone brings a guitar, we have a nice glass of wine and we have a good time.

Shannon: What are three material things you can't live without?
Tiffany: Shoes, shoes, shoes. A coffee maker. Got to have my coffee; otherwise it's just not pretty. Probably a curling iron. I have naturally tragic hair.

Shannon: Who's your favorite shoe designer?
Tiffany: Do I have to pick one? Chanel. I just bought a pair of to-die-for Chanel boots. Second would be Jimmy Choo. I've grown up to really like fabulous pieces that you just can't walk out on stage. So I wear them up on stage and kick them to the side and then I'm worried about someone stealing them the whole time.

Shannon: If you could travel in time, what moment in history would you choose?
Tiffany: I'm very taken by the roaring 20s—the artistry, the novelists, the poets. That time period was just amazing. And the fashion—those dresses were gorgeous. But I think the era I would have had more fun in would be late 60s early 70s. I'm a bohemian hippy in my heart.

Shannon: If you could cast yourself in any TV show, which one would you choose?
Tiffany: I would choose "Law & Order." It's my favorite show.
Shannon: Would you be a lawyer?
Tiffany: I would just love to play a psycho actually. I think I could give it a good go.

Shannon: What's your pet peeve?
Tiffany: I don't like it when people judge others on the way they look. I have tattoos and a nose ring and there are a lot of times people don't recognize me and they give me looks. I have friends who are very conservative and they judge people on certain appearances. I just think that's wrong. I think you have to be open-minded.

Shannon: If you could change one thing about the world what would it be?
Tiffany: Love needs to be most prominent. That doesn't mean you need to love people and let them go crazy. If you approach things in a loving aspect, even if you disagree, I think there's a way to do it. We really get caught up with being right all the time. We're very self-absorbed.

Shannon: If you were one of the last survivors of the apocalypse what would you do?
Tiffany: Oh wow. I would probably pray that God would come back and get me. I don't think I'd want to be here. That's a lot of work.

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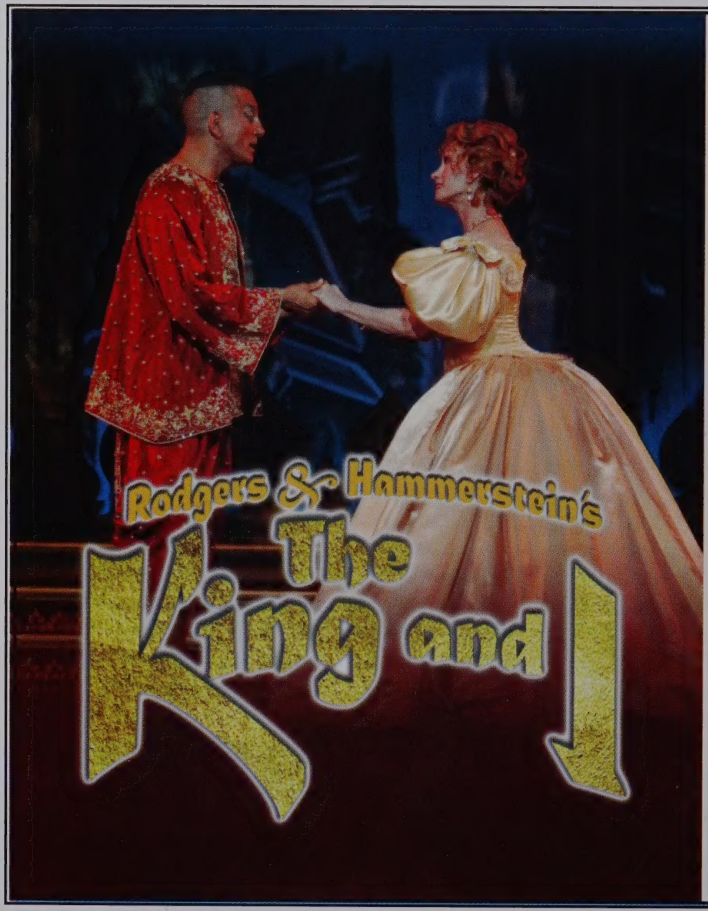

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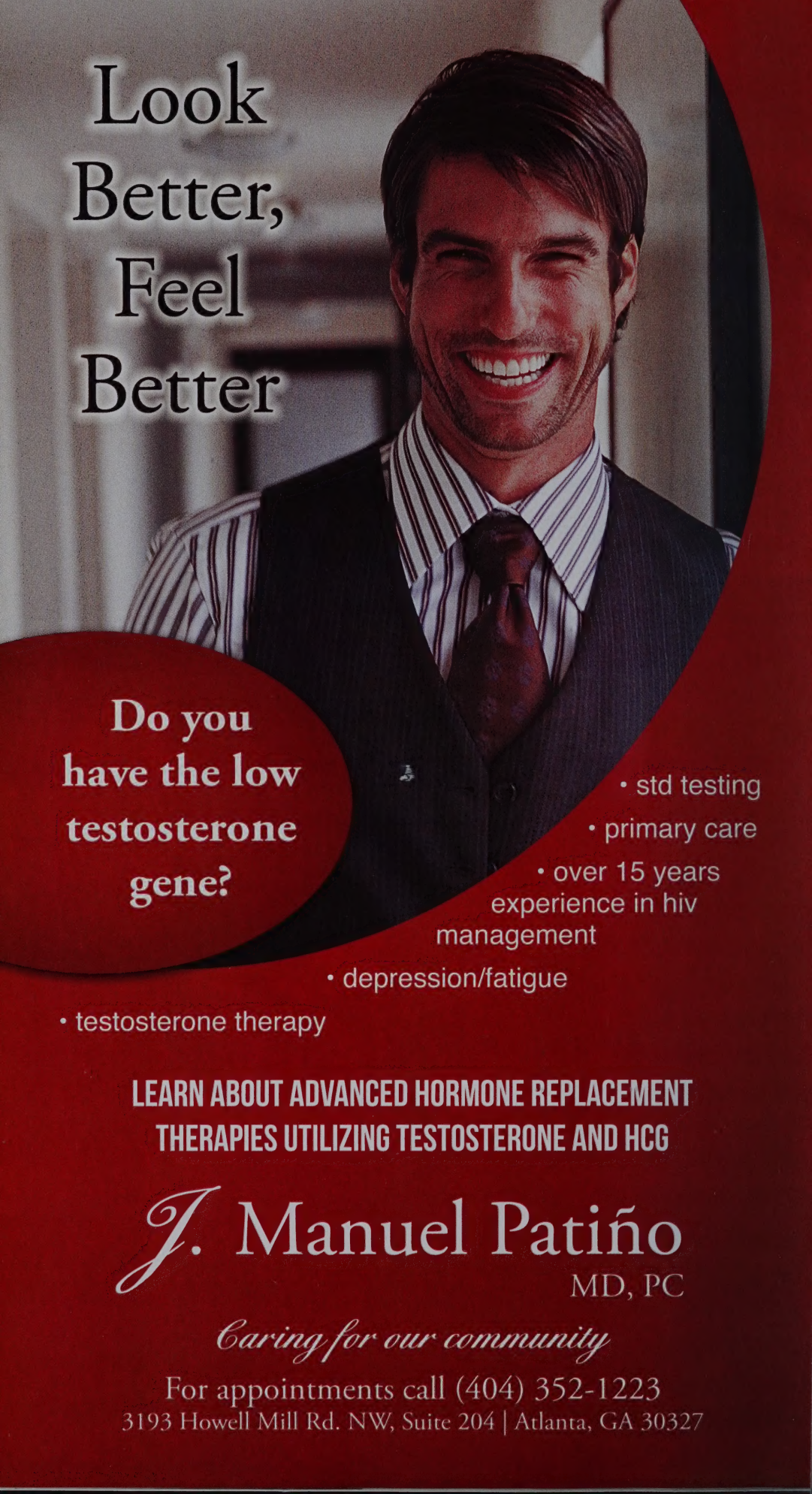
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Friends On Ponce - Bad Boy Brian opens - 2PM
Jungle - Stars of the Century -11PM
LeBuzz - Drag Star - 10PM
Mary's - Industry Night - 5PM
Model T - Wheel of ? with Elvis - 9PM
Oscar's - Midtown Martini Club - 4PM | Service Industry Night - 9PM
Sister Louisa's Church - Ping Pong Tournament - 8PM
The Hideaway - Domestic Beer Special
Tripp's - Monday Night Madness - 9PM
Woofs - Texas Hold'em Poker - 7:30PM

TUESDAY

Amsterdam - Evolve Showtunes - 9PM
Blake's - I Gotta Sing! Karaoke by Jerry - 11PM
Burkhart's - Trivia Tuesday Karaoke - 11:30PM
Cowtippers - Trivia - 8PM
Friends On Ponce - Let's Make A Deal with Ken - 6PM
Heretic - 3 Legged Cowboy Dance Lessons - 8PM
LeBuzz - Krazy Karaoke - 10PM
Mary's - Mary-oke - 9PM
MIXX - Piano Night with David Reeb - 8PM
Model T - Texas Hold'em Poker with Nut Flush - 9:30PM
My Sister's Room - Trivia - 8PM
Oscar's - Show Tune Tuesday - 8 PM
The Hideaway - Service Industry Night | Trivia with Will - 9PM
Tripp's - Ladies Night - 9PM
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Blake's - Lust and Bust Show - 11PM
Burkhart's - Humpday Karaoke - 11:30PM
Friends On Ponce - Team Trivia - 8PM
Gilberts - Trivioke - 10PM
Heretic - HUMP Dress Code Night - 10PM
Joe's on Juniper - Crazy Bitch Bingo - 8PM
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LeBuzz - Theme Nights - 9PM
Mary's - The Honey Pot - 9PM
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Heretic - 3 Legged Cowboy Line Dance Lessons - 8PM
Joe's on Juniper - Trivia - 8PM
Las Margaritas - Crazy Bitch Bingo - 7:30PM
LeBuzz - Ladies Night - 11PM
Mary's - Balls Out Thursdays Theme Night - 9PM
MIXX - The Toolbox - 6PM | The Unexpected Cabaret - 11PM
Model T - Wheel of ? with Michael - 9PM
My Sister's Room - Xplosion - 10PM
Oscar's - Petey Party - 2PM - 8PM
Tripps - Karaoke - 9PM
Woofs - Country Music - 7PM

FRIDAY

Blake's - Charlie's Angels Show with Charlie Brown - 11PM
Burkhart's - The Fab Five - 11:30PM
Friends On Ponce - Happy Time with Ken & Bad Boy Brian - 6PM
Heretic - DJ Lydia Prim - 10PM
LeBuzz - Divas Cabaret - 11PM
Mary's - Boys Room - 5PM
MIXX - End of the Week Party with Ron - 4PM | Grown & Sexy Dance - 10PM
Model T - Free Friday Bagels - 10AM
Oscar's - 80's Retro Vidz - 8PM
Tripp's - Afternoon Delights - 4PM
Woofs - TGIF Cocktail Night - 5PM

SATURDAY

Blake's - Open at 1PM. Non stop music & Video. Daring Diva's Show - 11PM
Burkhart's - Extravaganza - 11:30PM
Friends On Ponce - Afternoons with Bob! - 2PM
LeBuzz - Divas Cabaret - 11PM
Mary's - Hot Mess Dance Party - 9PM
MIXX - Afternoon Grill-out - 4PM | Guest DJ's Dance - 10PM
Model T - Saturday Night Live with Michael - 9PM
Oscar's - Total Request Videos - 8PM
Tripp's - Cook out - 3PM

SUNDAY

Amsterdam - Brunch - 11AM
Blake's - Open at 1PM, Classic Blake's Bill Berdeaux spins @ 3PM, Darryl Cox @ 7PM, Texas Hold'em upstairs @ 2 PM
Burkhart's - The Armorettes - 8PM
Friends On Ponce - Bad Boy Brian's Smirnoff B Mary Bar - 12:30PM
Gilbert's - Brunch - 10AM
Las Margaritas - Brunch - 11AM
Model T - Sunday Dinner with Ron - 3:30PM
MIXX - Grill Out & Beer Bust - 4PM | Old School Sunday Dance - 7PM
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AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2

DECATUR BOOK FESTIVAL

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More than 300 national and local authors will be giving lectures and signing books during this three-day event located at various venues throughout the city.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

"WHAT I LEARNED IN PARIS"

ALLIANCE THEATRE, 7:30PM

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Holler Poodles,

What up poodles? It has come to my detention that some of you uppity busy bodies have made complaints and depressed their concerns over my last colyurm inseminating the fact that I may have been drinking when I wrote it. That simply is not the case *hiccup*, er um bottle, by the glass!

I think I may have had a drug interreactional because when I had went to take my allergy medicine for my hip, I also took my sleeping pill (abbreva) which on the label they clearly recommended you not operate heavy people or do drive bys. I woke up the next morning to Christmas lights making all kinds of noise and some strange man asking me to get in bed. When he had tried to stick something in me, I bashed my purse upside his head and then he held me down and gave me a fuel injection. He said he was with the Grady PMS and that someone called the bambalamps on me because I wasn't acting right and was showing my ass. Well I pulled up my panties and refused any further treatments! It was convenence for me my rascal scooter was still charging in the outlet on the side of WalMark. I grabbed my Fanta orange soda and headed out to do some research

It just goes to show you how important it is to monitor your medication. When I finally got to the pubic libary to write my colyurm, I had did a search on the interwebs to catch up on all the news. I was so proud of all the Olympians--that Michael Felts and Gabby Giffords--is she related to Kathy Lee? And good lord them divers in them little bathing suits that look like panties had got me a little moist. When I got my big magniflying glass out I could see their genitalias real good. That one rowing boy even had a boner. I was having hot flashes sitting there looking at that libary screen.

Suddenly a security officer over came over and asked if I would mind turning down the volumn on my computer because other people were complaining I had pornogeography on. I explained that the occasional cam 4 window was on because I was an advise colurmnist with that fancy Fenuxe Magazine and I was just reaching out to my readers to spice up their humdrum lives and help them with their problems. He asked me why they weren't wearing any clothes and I said I don't know, do I look like Dionne Warwick? I do not have ESPN!

What my readers do in the privacy of their own homes is their own business. And what I do here is protected by the consitutional of the United States. As a courtesy, I did pull up my panties so he would leave me alone.

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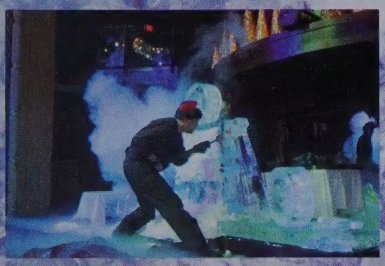

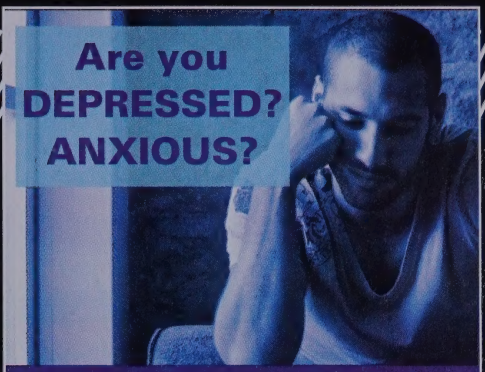

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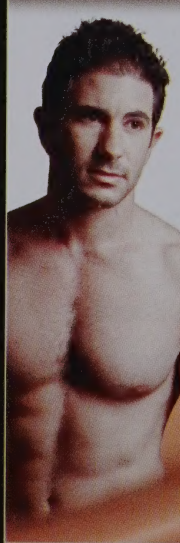

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September 23 to October 22

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♏ SCORPIO

October 23 to November 22

Your hectic schedule is taking away time from a loved one. Let them know they're still special.

♐ SAGITTARIUS

November 23 to December 21

Throw a dinner party and get to know some of the people in your life better. You'll be glad you did.

♑ CAPRICORN

December 22 to January 19

An apology could easily get your relationship back on track. But it may not be you who needs to say it.

♒ AQUARIUS

January 20 to February 18

You're feeling a bit restless. A change of scenery or redecorating should do the trick.

♓ PISCES

February 19 to March 20

Stop sitting by the phone. The call you're expecting won't come until you're uninterested.

♈ ARIES

March 21 to April 19

Don't shy away from a helping hand. You'll get to return the favor soon enough.

♉ TAURUS

April 20 to May 20

Don't get hung up on the guy who dissed you. He's moved on and so should you.

♊ GEMINI

May 21 to June 20

Your flirtatious demeanor might land you in trouble. Flirt cautiously.

♋ CANCER

June 21 to July 22

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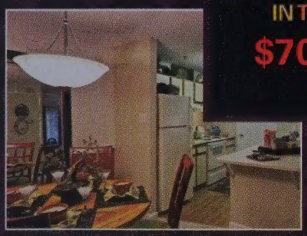

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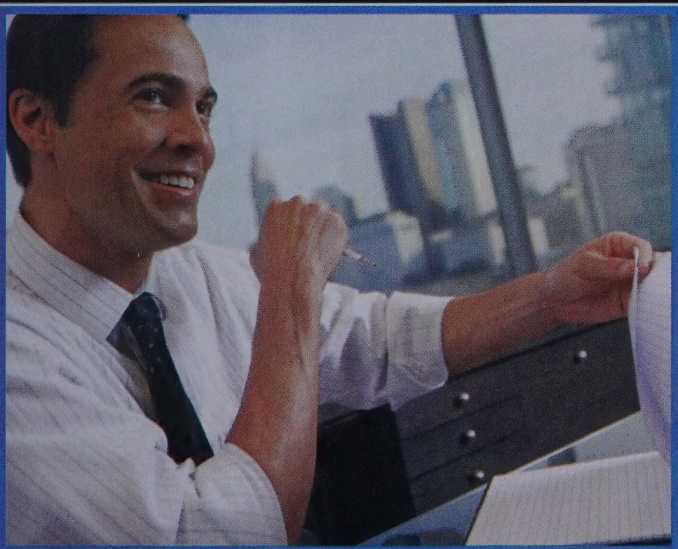

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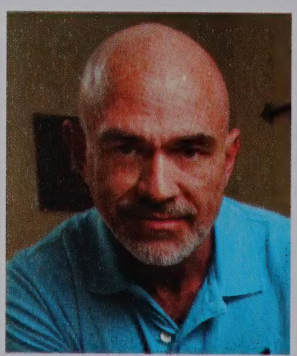

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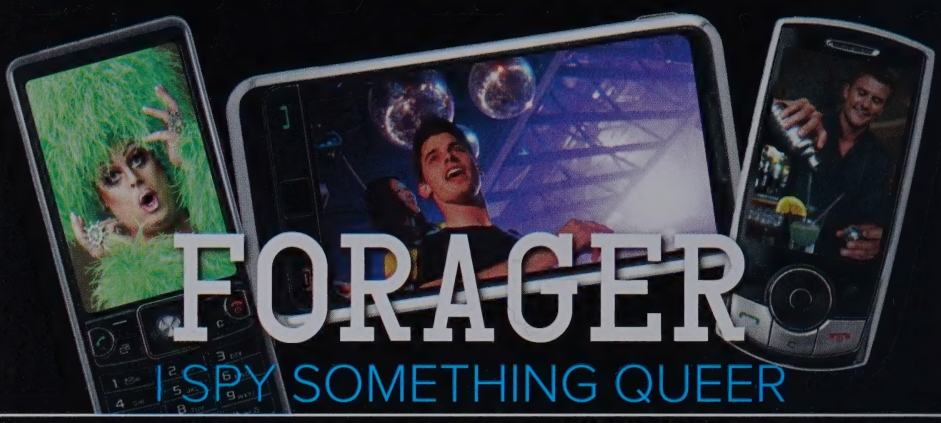

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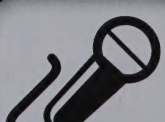

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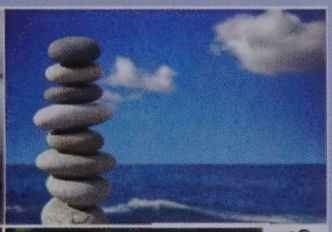

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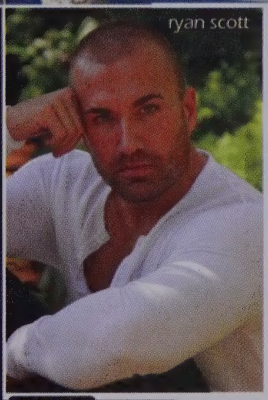

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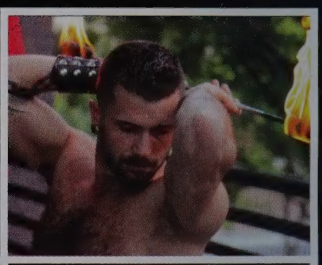

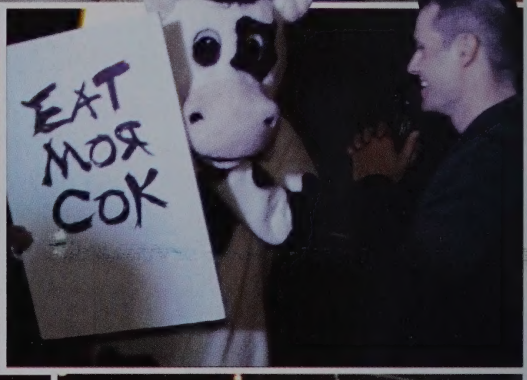

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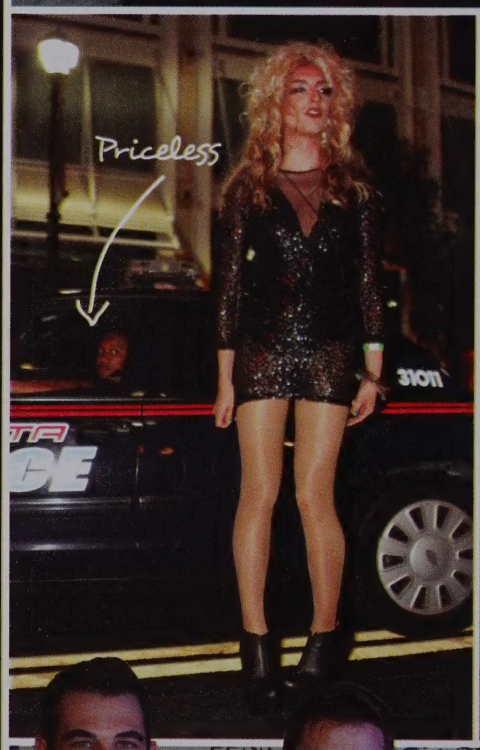

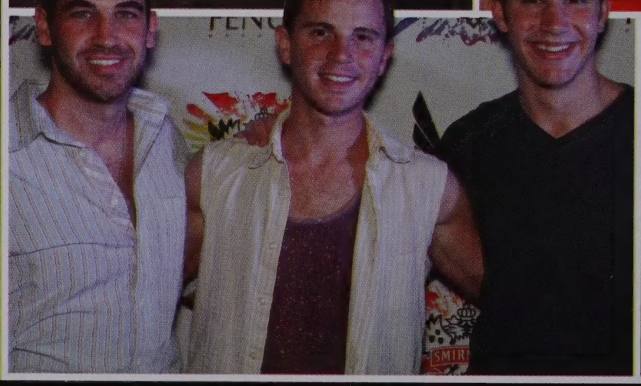

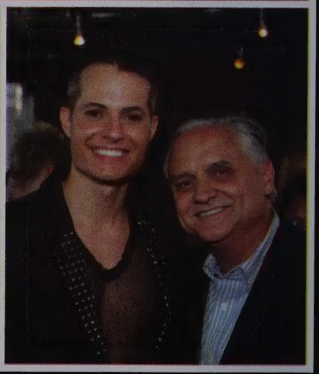

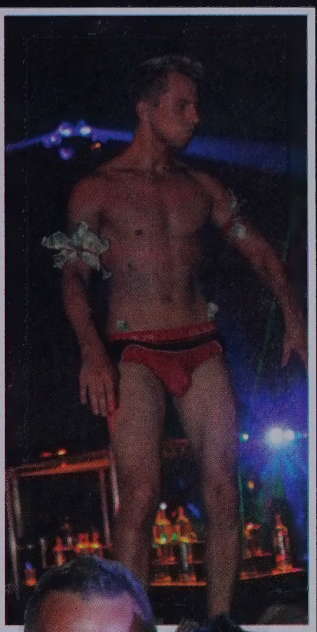

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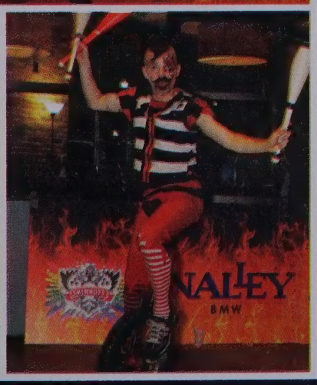
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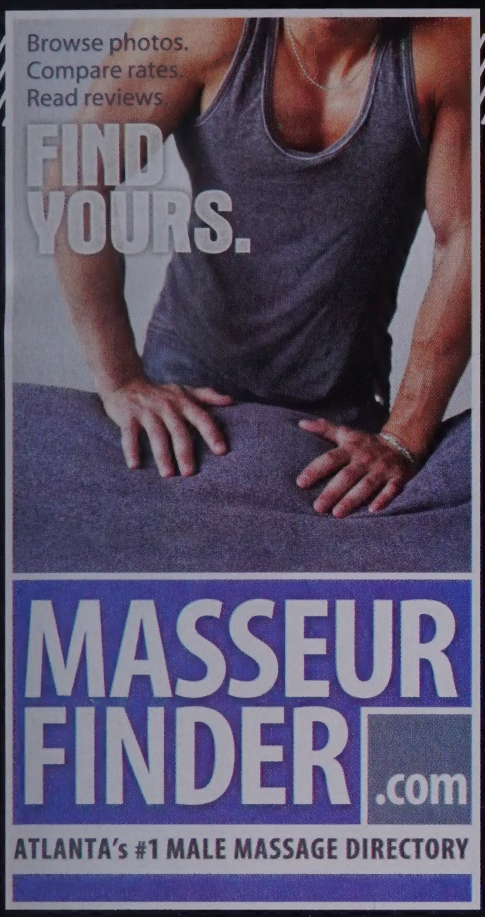

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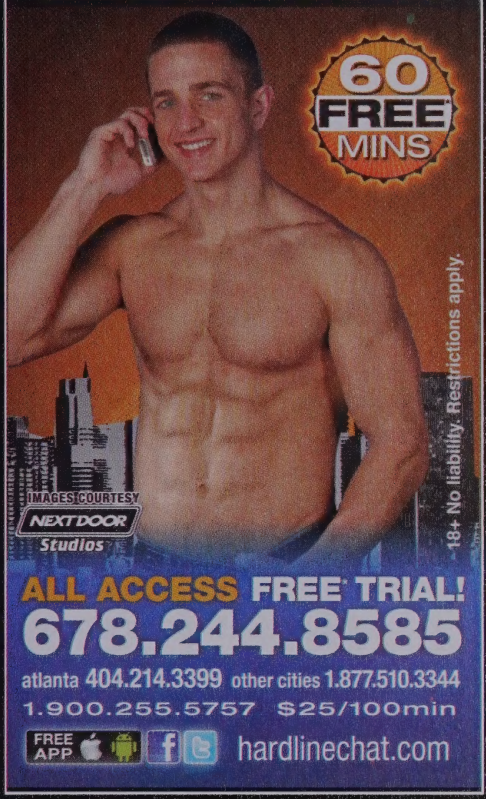

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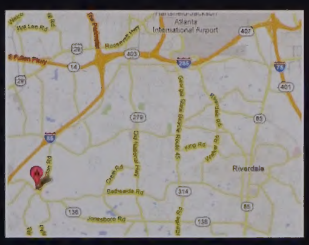

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